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ESTABLISHING A CULTURE OF RESISTANCE

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IT IS OUR INTENT AS A "POLITICAL BAND" TO BE A VEHICLE FOR IDEAS, INFORMATION, COMMUNITY, FREE THOUGHT, AND EDUCATION. MANY ASK,"WHY WITH SUCH A CAUSE ARE YOU ONLY SPEAKING TO A SMALL AUDIENCE, SHOULDN'T YOU FOCUS ON THE IGNORANT GENERAL POPULATION RATHER THAN 'PREACH TO THE CONVERTED'?" WELL, IT IS PAINFULLY OBVIOUS TO US IN PORTLAND THAT THE PUNK SCENE IS ANYTHING BUT "CONVERTED" IN THE SENSE THAT PEOPLE ARE ALREADY VERY EDUCATED, AWARE, AND ACTIVE. AMONG ALL THE CRASS AND DK SHIRTS THERE ARE FEW WHO ACTUALLY ACT UPON THE VALUES AND BELIEFS THEY ARE SUPPOSEDLY IDENTIFYING WITH, THEY JUST DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYONE OR ANYTHING OTHER THAN THEMSELVES. HOW COULD SUCH A SO-CALLED "MOVEMENT" BE SO COMPLETELY MEANINGLESS AND IMMOBILE? COMMERCIALIZED, COMMODIFIED, A CLOSE MINDED SELF CENTERED SOCIAL CLUB, IDEAS DON'T MATTER IT'S WHO YOU KNOW.

WE ANNOUNCE ALL POLITICAL EVENTS WE KNOW OF AT SHOWS, FROM PROTESTS TO GATHERINGS, TO MEETINGS, TO OUR READING GROUP. NO ONE CARES, NO ONE COMES. NO. WE'RE NOT PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED! UNTIL WE SEE AND FEEL A HUGE FUNCTIONING ORGANIZED COLLECTIVE WORLDWIDE PUNK MOVEMENT THAT ACTUALLY ACTS ON WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT WE WON'T FEEL WE'RE PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED. AND IF THIS DREAM EVER DOES MATERIALIZE OUR LYRICS AND MESSAGE WON'T BE OBSOLETE BY ANY MEANS, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE A RESOURCE OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH, IDEAS, ECT.

IMAGINE A REAL FUCKING MOVEMENT WHERE WE ALL COLLECTIVELY FIGHT FOR CAUSES INSTEAD OF FIGHT EACH OTHER AND COLLECTIVELY UNITE TO OBTAIN ALCOHOL. IMAGINE A REAL MOVEMENT; EVERYWHERE YOU GO YOU ARE WELCOMED WITH LOVE AND HOSPITALITY AND CAN GET INVOLVED IN LOCAL STRUGGLES FOR CHANGE. COMPLETELY ANTIAUTHORITARIAN EXISTENCE, UNITY, EQUALITY, RESPECT. ONCE WE ACHIEVE THAT, WE CAN ACTUALLY BEGIN TO TAKE OURSELVES SERIOUSLY AS FAR AS BEING A THREAT TO THE PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE DESTROYING THE MASSES AND THE PLANET AND SHOW THE GENERAL POPULATION THAT AUTONOMY IS POSSIBLE, THAT WE CAN COEXIST WITHOUT FEAR OF EACH OTHER, WAR, FUCKING PEOPLE OVER, STEALING, KILLING, RAPING, ECT.

A FEW DEDICATED PUNKS TRYING TO REACH OUT WITH THEIR IDEALS OF AUTONOMY TO THE PUBLIC IS FUTILE, MOST OF THE TIME WE'RE BUSY TRYING TO SMASH THE STEREOTYPES THAT SO MANY MORONS HAVE HELPED MAINTAIN BY TREATING NORMAL PEOPLE LIKE SHIT, SCARING THEM, ROBBING THEM, INTIMIDATING THEM. WE HAVE TO ALL GO OUT OF OUR WAY TO PROVE TO THE PUBLIC THAT WE'RE NOT HOSTILE TOWARDS THEM, THAT IN FACT THEY ARE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND NO REALISTIC REVOLUTION CAN OCCUR WITHOUT THEM--THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION!

WE NEED A SOLID COMMUNITY OF PUNKS TO BE ACTIVE IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC, DISTRIBUTING INFORMATION, IDEAS, WARMTH, GOODWILL, LOVE. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE ESTABLISH A CULTURE OF RESISTANCE WITHIN OUR OWN PUNK COMMUNITIES. THE REASON IS THAT THE PUNK "MOVEMENT" ALREADY HAS IT'S FOOT IN THE DOOR, IT IS BASED ON IDEAS OF ANTIAUTHORITARIANISM, FREEDOM, INDIVIDUALITY, NON-CONFORMITY, UNITY, EQUALITY, COMMUNITY, RESISTANCE. FINALLY IDEAS HAVE BEGAN TO CIRCULATE AND BE RECOGNIZED OUTSIDE OF THE VERY SPECIFIC UNDERGROUND SCENES WITH THE EXPLOSION OF BANDS WITH MEANINGFUL LYRICS AND MESSAGES THAT ACTUALLY ,THROUGH HIGH FUNCTIONING D.I.Y. LABELS, ARE REACHING SUBURBAN KIDS. IN PORTLAND, SUBURBAN PUNKS TO A LARGE DEGREE ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO VERY INTELLIGENT DISILLUSIONING INFORMATION. BUT JUST KNOWING ABOUT THINGS ISN'T ENOUGH. WE GET DISCOURAGED THINKING THAT AFTER BEING HANDED OUR LYRIC SHEET AT A SHOW PEOPLE MIGHT READ SOME OF IT, MIGHT EVEN BE MOVED BUT WON'T ACT, MAYBE THEY'VE KNOWN ABOUT THE THINGS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FOR A LONG TIME BUT HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING. IT'S EASY TO GET INVOLVED ANY WAY YOU CAN. START A READING GROUP, A CABLE ACCESS

Photo on back of booklet:
Zapatistas, fighters for indigenous sovereignty in Mexico

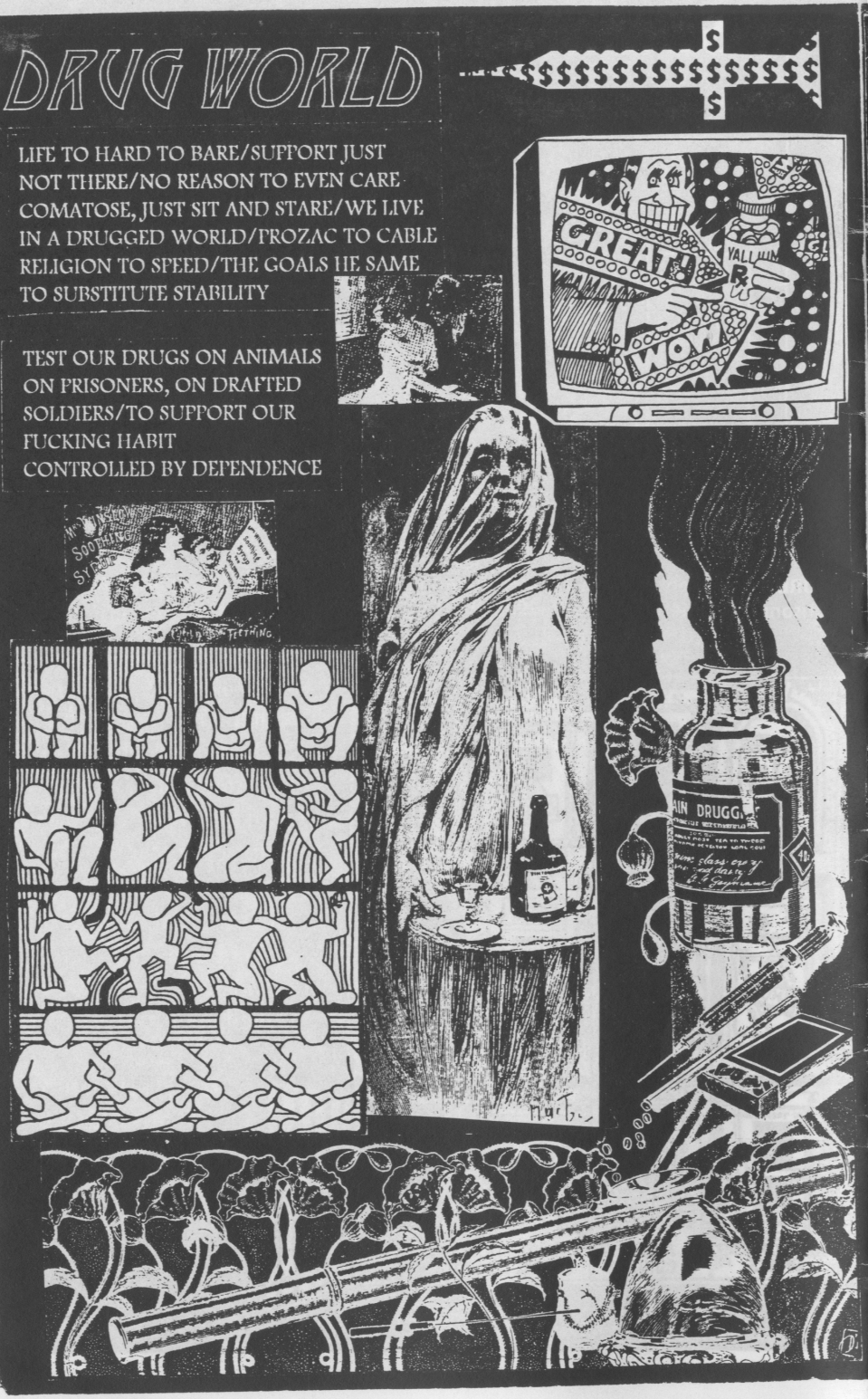
Many people do use drugs in a normal recreational ways, but for many, drugs become an addiction. When people mention drugs they usually think of something they put in their body(a chemical substance). But if you think about the roots of why people use drugs you see what a drug really is: an artificial substitute for stability. The lack of true stability(love, friendship, community, responsibility,ect.) in our atomized society causes people to look for it elsewhere. This is where you get a better definition of a drug. Whether it be religion; crack; making money; sex; tv; shopping; drinking; psychic friends network; dyanetics; gambling;escaping moral and social responsibility by wasting time with people that don't care about you or much of anything else besides themselves, drugs, how expensive their clothes are,and how tough and macho they are;dieting, eating, sleeping, romance novels, rationalizing the degradation of your beliefs and values by saying the world is too hard for you and you must therefore cave in; ect. These are false securities, no better or worse than each other. Their is not a good false security. If you have love in your life and are stable, drugs can be enjoyed in moderation, as recreation with minimal consequences depending on your level of responsibility...but beware, love must be 1st!

WE WILL MISS YOU!

DRUG WORLD

LIFE TO HARD TO BARE/SUPPORT JUST
NOT THERE/NO REASON TO EVEN CARE
COMATOSE, JUST SIT AND STARE/WE LIVE
IN A DRUGGED WORLD/PROZAC TO CABLE
RELIGION TO SPEED/THE GOALS HE SAME
TO SUBSTITUTE STABILITY

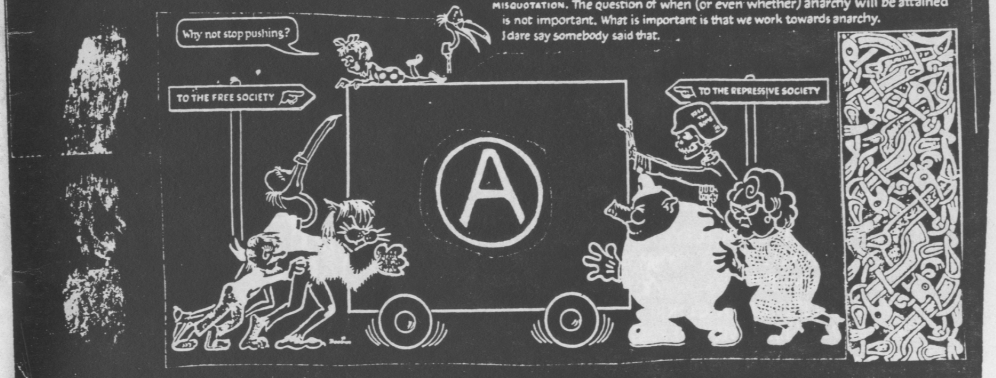
TEST OUR DRUGS ON ANIMALS
ON PRISONERS, ON DRAFTED
SOLDIERS/TO SUPPORT OUR
FUCKING HABIT
CONTROLLED BY DEPENDENCE

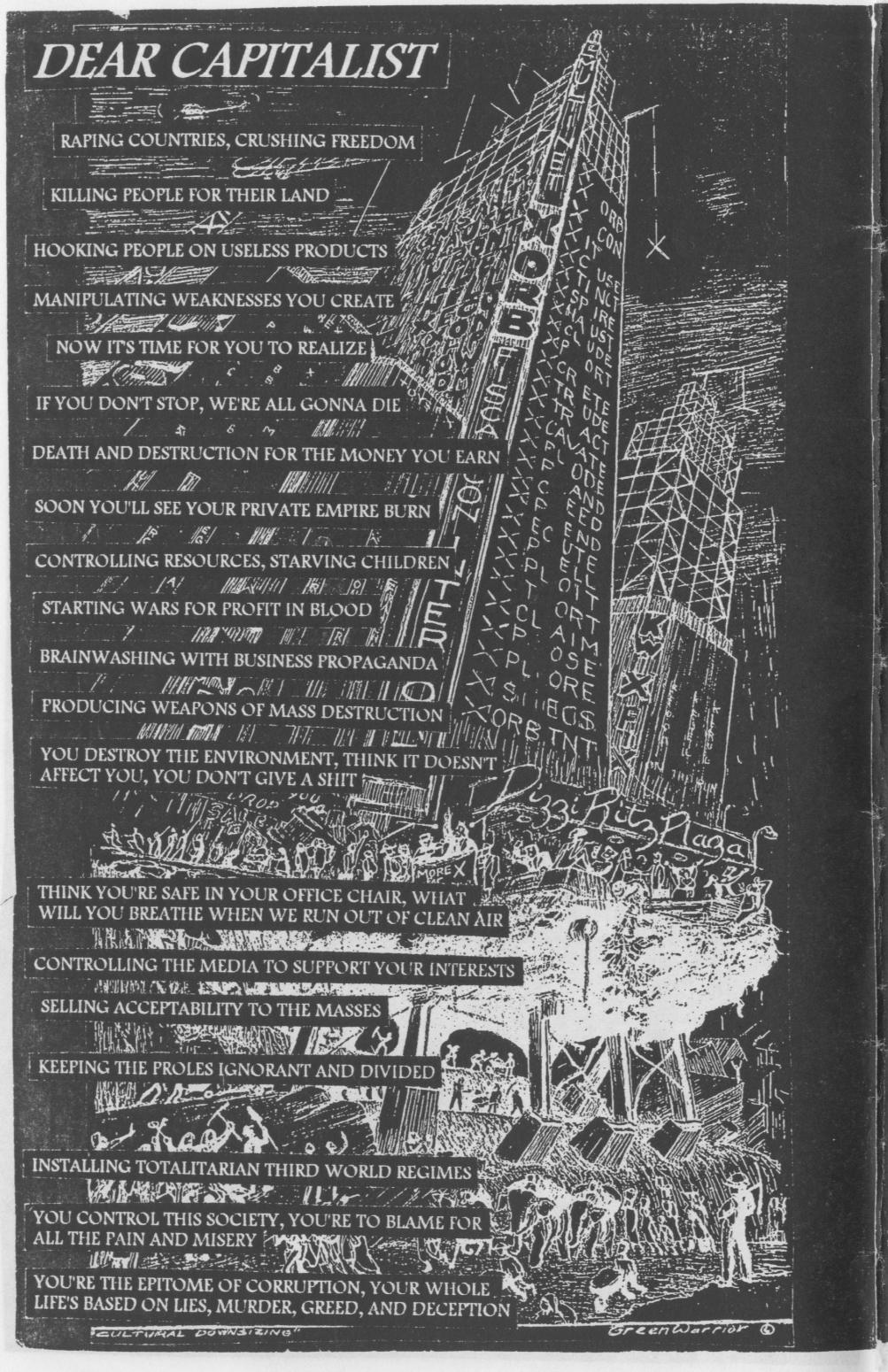


SHOW, SET UP DEMONSTRATIONS, START A COLLECTIVE, A DISCUSSION GROUP, A ZINE, A NEWSLETTER, A PIRATE RADIO STATION, JOIN AND VOLUNTEER FOR A LOCAL ORGANIZATION, CREATE ARTWORK, GIVE OUT RESEARCHED INFORMATION ON THE STREET, TALK TO PEOPLE, MAKE CONNECTIONS, COMMUNICATE, EDUCATE, LIBERATE. DO ANYTHING YOU POSSIBLY CAN. THINGS WON'T CHANGE ON THEIR OWN. WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROPAGANDIZED BY THE MEDIA, ENSLAVED TO CORPORATIONS COERCING OUR LABOR SO WE CAN BARELY OBTAIN THE NECESSITIES OF SUSTAINING LIFE, TERRORIZED BY THE POLICE, LIED TO AND MANIPULATED BY POLITICIANS, RIPPED OFF AS CONSUMERS BY CORNER CUTTING CORPORATIONS LURING US IN TO BUY HAZARDOUS UNSAFE PRODUCTS, COERCED TO GIVE TAXES TO FUND THE MONSTROUS MILITARY AND ALL IT'S WHIMS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE DOCILE BY THE TV, THE BUYERS OF PRODUCTS MADE BY ABUSED, ATROCIOUSLY UNDERPAID WORKERS IN REPRESSED THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WHOSE MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS ARE SUPPLIED WITH WEAPONS AND TRAINING FROM THE U.S., WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE DENIED ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE, MONITORED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, FRAMED AND IMPRISONED OR MURDERED FOR ORGANIZED DISSENT, VICTIMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION BY POLLUTANT PRODUCING CORPORATIONS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE LOCKED AWAY FOR LIFE AFTER REACTING TO THE ENVIRONMENT WE'VE BEEN FORCED TO ADAPT TO, AT EACH OTHERS FOR BASIC HUMAN NEEDS, ENSLAVED TO GENDER ROLES, ADMINISTERED DRUGS BY THE CIA, LIVING IN FEAR OF EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF OUR CONSTANT INDOCTRINATION WITH VIOLENCE AND OBLIVION TO CARING ABOUT OTHERS "EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF" CONDITIONING CAUSING US TO COMPETE AND HAVE SELFISH, DESTRUCTIVE TENDENCIES, THE LIST LITERALLY JUST GOES ON FOREVER. THIS SMALL OVERVIEW IS JUST A FRACTION OF THE VERY REAL VERY FATAL ISSUES THAT CONFRONT US AND THAT WE MUST MOBILIZE AGAINST.

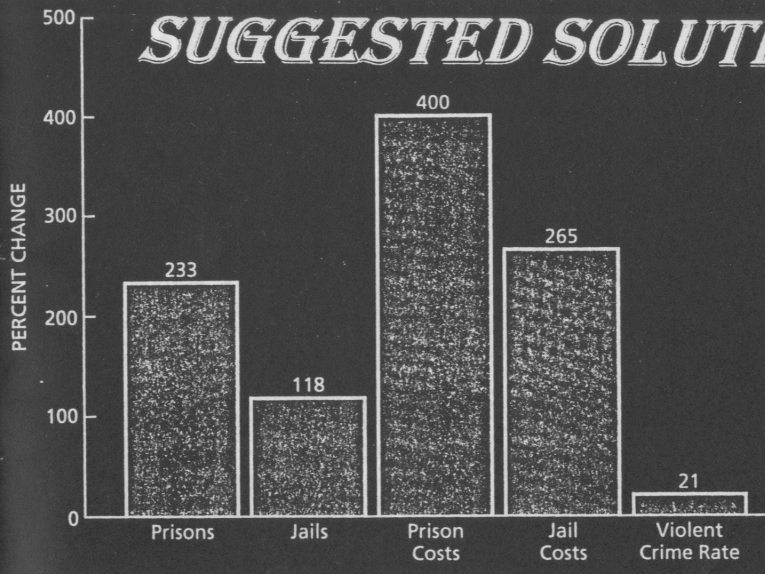
ASIDE FROM THE MANY VERY PRODUCTIVE AND DEDICATED PUNKS, PUNK ORGANIZATIONS, AND SCENES WE SEE THAT THINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED. AFTER TWENTY PLUS YEARS OF THIS THING WE CALL PUNK WE STILL HAVEN'T EVOLVED OUT OF THE OLD PATTERNS THAT ARE LEADING US TO OUR DOOM. WE SEE NO MASSIVE RESISTANCE , NO SOCIAL REVOLUTION. AFTER ALL THE BANDS WITH INTELLIGENT MEANINGFUL LYRICS THERE'S STILL DIVISIONS, APATHY, SEXISM, VIOLENCE, POLITICAL, OBLIVION, ECT. IT'S NOT HARD TO CARE, TO BE HONEST, TO TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT, TO GIVE A FUCK ABOUT BEINGS AND THINGS OTHER THAN YOURSELF, TO GET INVOLVED IN STRUGGLES AND MOVEMENTS. IT'S PAINFULLY DEPRESSING TO GO TO A PROTEST AND SEE YET AGAIN NO PUNKS! FIGHTING BACK IS MORE THAN A CATCH PHRASE. IF YOU DON'T CARE YOU MUST JUST NOT BE OPPRESSED!

THIS ESSAY IS DEDICATED TO THE PUNKS IN PORTLAND AND TO EVERYONE WHO CALLS THEMSELF A PUNK BUT ISN'T ACTIVE IN OR IN ANY WAY TRYING ESTABLISH A CULTURE OF RESISTANCE. I AM KEPT MOTIVATED BY THE COUNTLESS PEOPLE AROUND THE GLOBE THAT ACTUALLY ARE TRYING TO MAKE PUNK MEANINGFUL, INTELLIGENT, AND PRODUCTIVE; THE PEOPLE WHO DO CARE AND DO WANT TO SEE CHANGE IN THEIR LIFETIME. IT GIVES ME GREAT HOPE TO THINK THAT IN SOME PARTS OF THE WORLD THE PROBLEMS WITH PUNK THAT I HAVE DESCRIBED NO LONGER EXIST. THAT THE PUNKS HAVE ACTUALLY DONE WHAT IT TAKES TO BUILD A MEANINGFUL PROGRESSIVE PUNK COMMUNITY. IF YOU ARE ONE OF THEM, GIVE THIS TO SOMEONE WHO REALLY NEEDS IT. FIGHTING BACK IS MORE THAN A CATCH PRASE--IF YOU DON'T CARE I GUESS YOU THINK YOU'RE NOT OPPRESSED!





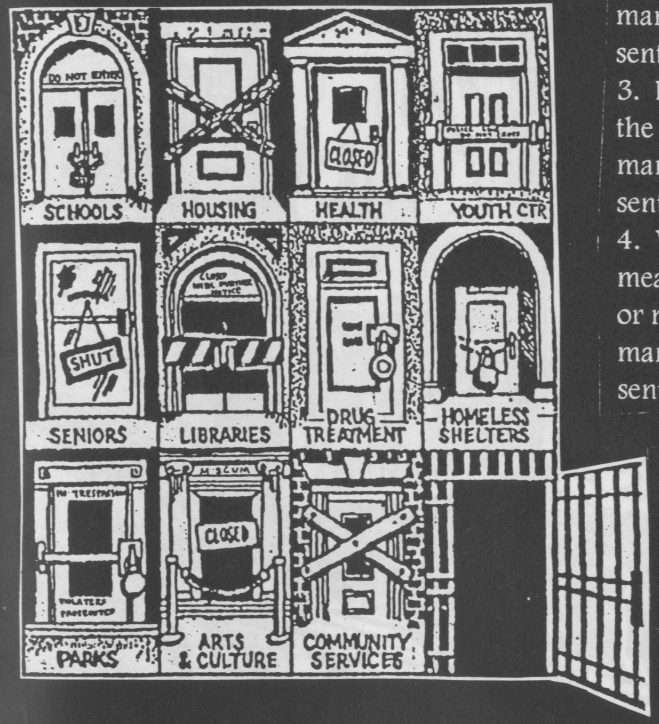
SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

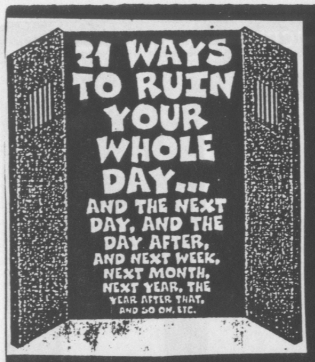


Source: California Department of Justice, "Crime and Delinquency in California,1990" Sacramento, CA: Office of Attorney General, 1991.

FIGURE 6-6 Percent Change in California's Imprisonment Experiment, 1981–1990

1. Contact Families Against Mandatory Minimums and other organizations involved in fighting mandatory prison sentences.
2. Write to state and federal officials and urge them to abolish mandatory sentencing.
3. Educate people on the effects of mandatory sentencing.
4. Vote against any measure that initiates or maintains mandatory sentencing.
5. Collect signatures for initiatives that ban or repeal mandatory sentencing and longer sentences.





Measure 11: A New Oregon Law

One Strike You're Out!

NO PROBATION! NO PAROLE!

NO EARLY RELEASE!

JUST PRISON.

➢ *WHAT IS MEASURE 11?*

Measure 11 is a new Oregon law that began on April 1, 1995. This law says:

...If you are 15 or older, and

...If you do any of 21 crimes in Oregon

You Must Go To Prison For A Long Time!

➢ *WHY DOES OREGON HAVE THIS LAW?*

Many people in Oregon voted to make Measure 11 a law because:

THEY ARE...

...Tired of crime

...Tired of ANYONE (including kids) getting away with crime

THEY WANT TO...

...Feel safe

...Be safe from violent crimes

...Put in prison ANYONE (including kids) who commit certain crimes

➢ *WON'T THE JUDGE GIVE ME A BREAK IF I'VE NEVER BEEN IN TROUBLE BEFORE?*

NO! This law says the judge **MUST** send ANYONE, both boys and girls, to prison who is 15 or older and guilty of a Measure 11 Crime.

These are examples of Measure 11 Crimes:

DOING A CRIME MEANS BIG TIME!

LIKE IT OR NOT...IT'S THE LAW!

ROBBERY II: You alone or with a friend want someone's baseball cap. You either pretend to have a weapon or threaten to beat the owner up. **You and your friend go to prison for 5 years and 10 months.**

ASSAULT II: You and a friend get into a fight with another person. Your friend pokes the other person in the eye with the handle of a hairbrush, a stick, etc. The eye is injured. **You and your friend go to prison for 5 years and 10 months.**

SEXUAL ABUSE I: You and a date are at a movie. You touch your date's buttocks, crotch, or breast. Your date tells you to stop. You ignore this and touch your date there again. **You go to prison for 6 years and 3 months.**

KIDNAPPING II: You hear that someone is messing with your friend. You go to their house and force them outside to beat them up **You go to prison for 5 years and 10 months.**

MANSLAUGHTER I: You are driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. You cause an accident and someone dies. **You go to prison for 10 years.**

The Oregonian, March 30, 1996
"Prison population grows 10.5% in a year"
Most of the current increase results from Measure 11, which took effect in April 1995 and which gives mandatory minimum sentences for any of 16* crimes. Measure 11 is expected to add nearly 919 prisoners by July 1997. Another new sentencing law, which takes effect in July 1997, imposes tougher sentences for repeat property-crime offenders. It is expected to add about 700 inmates to the prison system by 2005. The 1995 Legislature allocated $5 million in planning money for additional prisons, including a proposed 1,500-bed, minimum security facility and a second women's prison. *Or is it 21 crimes?

WANTED DEAD

FOR UNFORGIVABLE CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, ANIMALS, AND THE EARTH

NAME: RICH CAPITALIST

ALIASES: MULTINATIONAL CORP. CEO, FAT CAT

DISTINGUISHING MARKS; PAMPERED, LAZY, GREEDY

WANTED DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY FOR: MURDER, EXPLOITATION, OPPRESSION, PREACHING LIES, IMPERSONATION OF DIVINE LEADER, GOVERNING/POLICING

CONSIDER SUBJECT ARMED WITH RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CHANGE USING MORALS

THE STOLEN LANDS OF AMERICA, INC.

EXCERPTS FROM DAVID C. KORTEN'S *WHEN CORPORATIONS RULE THE WORLD*

"Today's business corporation is an artificial creation, shielding owners and managers while preserving corporate privilege and existence. Artificial or not, corporations have won more rights under law than people have--rights which government has protected with armed force."

---Richard L. Grossman and Frank T. Adams

1. The 1992 average take of the CEOs of the 1,000 largest corporations surveyed by Business Week was $3.8 million-up 42 percent from the previous year. Furthermore, the gap between the pay of top executives and the pay of those who work for them is growing rapidly. In 1960, the average CEO of a major company received forty times the compensation of the average worker. In 1992, he(there were only two women among Business Week's top 1,000 CEOs) received 157 times as much.

2. Nike, a major footwear company, refers to itself as a "network firm." This means that it employs 8,000 people in management, design, sales, and promotion and leaves production in the hands of some 75,000 workers hired by independent contractors. Most of the out-sourced production takes place in Indonesia, where a pair of Nikes that sells in the U.S. or Europe for $73 to $135 is produced for about $5.60 by girls and young women paid as little as fifteen cents an hour. The workers are housed in company barracks, there are no unions, overtime is often mandatory, and if there is a strike, the military may be called to break it up. The $20 million that basketball star Michael Jordan reportedly received in 1992 for promoting Nike shoes exceeded the entire annual payroll of the Indonesian factories that made them.

3. ...Corporations paid 39 percent of all taxes collected in the United States in the 1950s, they paid only 17 percent in the 1980s. The share paid by individuals rose from 61 percent to 83 percent.

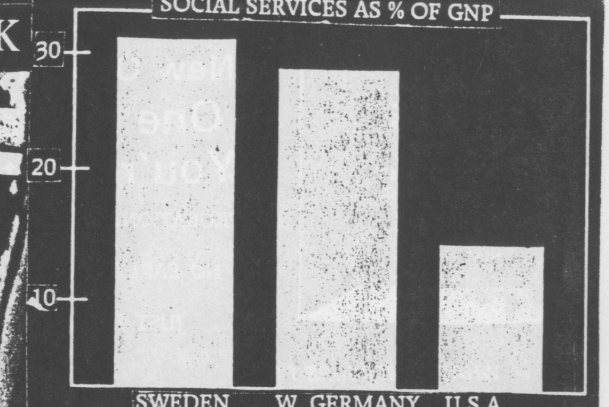
4. The world's 500 largest industrial corporations, which employ only 0.05 of 1 percent of the world's population, control 25 percent of the world's economic output. The top 300 transnationals, excluding financial institutions, own some 25 percent of the world's productive assets. The combined assets of the world's fifty largest commercial banks and diversified financial companies amount to nearly 60 percent of The Economist's estimate of a $20 trillion global stock of productive capital. The global trend is clearly toward greater concentration of the control of markets and productive assets in the hands of a few firms that make a minuscule contribution to total global employment.

5. When five firms control more than half of a global market, that market is considered to be highly monopolistic. The Economist recently reported five-firm concentration ratios for twelve global industries. The greatest concentration was found in consumer durables, where the top five firms control nearly 70 percent of the entire world market in their industry. In the automotive, airline, aerospace, electronic components, electrical and electronics, and steel industries, the top five firms control more than 50 percent of the global market, clearly placing them in the monopolistic category. In the oil, personal computer, and media industries, the top five firms control more than 40 percent of sales, which shows strong monopolistic tendencies.

The argument that globalization increases competition is simply false. To the contrary, it strengthens tendencies toward global-scale monopolization.

PRISONERS SPEAK

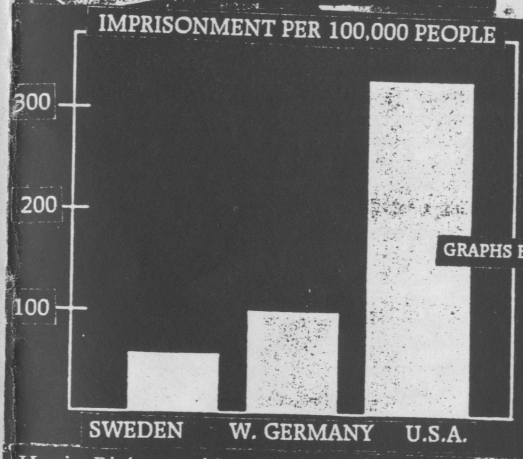
Albert Jackson, prisoner



Jackson: Rehabilitation is a joke to the tune of $25,000 a year for the California taxpayer. What they are actually paying for is a human-warehouse corporation. *Obviously, it is not working since there is a 75% return rate!* The prison system will always fail until the public initiates a complete inventory and re-evaluation.

Emphasis must be on rehabilitation and social programs designed to aid the ex-con when he maintains a successful rate of progress.

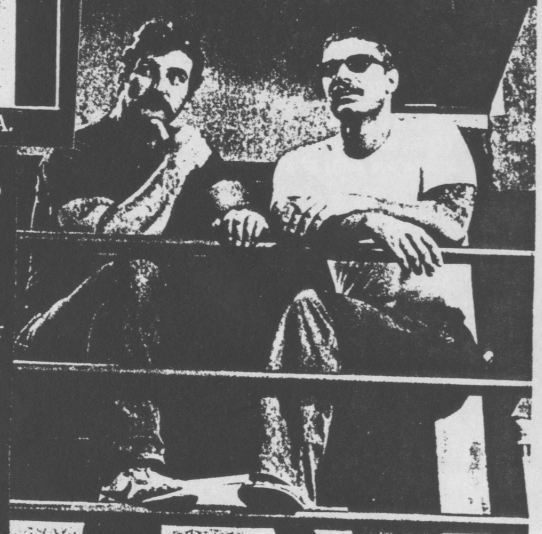
James Harris, R. Dodgin, prisoners



GRAPHS BY AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

Harris: Right now it's up to the CDC [California Department of Corrections] as to how we will return to you. We know how they want to solve your problems, (US). Give them more money to mismanage more of us so that they can build more prisons to lock your problems away. They release your problems back on your door step, unchanged, unwanted, and uncertain. Ask why?

Please don't be one of those naive people who thinks that this could never affect you or your family, that you could never get caught up in this monster, because if you're that blind to reality we're truly lost.



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